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THE ENVIRONMENT FUND: USE OF RESOURCES IN 1990-1991 AND THE PROPOSED USE OF PROJECTED RESOURCES IN 1992-1993 AND 1994-1995

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Fund Committee

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Annual Reports of the Executive Director for 1989 and 1990 (UNEP/GC.16/2 and 3), as well as his report on the Environment Fund covering the use of resources in 1990-1991 and the proposed use of projected resources in 1992-1993 and 1994-1995 (UNEP/GC.16/23 and Corr.1 (English only) and 2 (Spanish only) and Add.1), together with his comments on the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1988-1989 ended 31 December 1989 and on the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,

1. Takes note of the comments of the Executive Director on the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial report and audited accounts of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1988-1989 ended 31 December 1989.

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments that have contributed or pledged to contribute to the Fund at a higher level in 1990, 1991 and beyond;

3. Reconfirms the target of $100 million for contributions to the Environment Fund by the year 1992 approved by the Council by paragraph 1 of section V of its decision 15/1 of 25 May 1989;

4. Notes the Executive Director's view that contributions of $250 million will be required by 1995 to allow the United Nations Environment Programme to fulfil its tasks;

5. Affirms in this regard the desirability of working towards a substantially higher level of contributions to the Environment Fund by 1995, fully commensurate with the demands placed upon the Programme as a result of the urgent and increasing environmental problems that the Programme must address;

6. Calls upon all Governments to contribute or to increase their contributions to the Environment Fund accordingly;

7. Notes with concern that although the overall level of contributions to the Environment Fund has increased, the number of countries contributing to the Fund has decreased, and calls upon all Governments that are not contributing to make every effort to do so;

8. Urges again all Governments to pay their contributions either before the end of the year preceding that to which their contributions relate or as near as possible to the beginning of the year to which they relate;

9. Approves an appropriation of $150 million for Fund programme activities for the biennium 1992-1993;

10. Decides to apportion the appropriation for Fund programme activities in that biennium as follows with the full programme for 1990-1991 indicated for comparison:

Programme/budget line		1992-1993* (United States dollars)	Percentage	1990-1991 (United States dollars)	Percentage
1.	Atmosphere			2 700 000	4.0
2.	Water			3 400 000	5.0
3.	Terrestrial ecosystems			11 900 000	17.5
4.	Oceans			7 000 000	10.3
5.	Lithosphere			600 000	0.9
6.	Human settlements and environment			1 300 000	1.9
7.	Human health and welfare			1 500 000	2.2
8.	Energy, industry and transportation			4 300 000	6.3
9.	Peace, security and the environment			400 000	0.6
10.	Environmental assessment			14 800 000	21.8
11.	Environmental management measures			3 900 000	5.7
12.	Environmental awareness			9 000 000	13.2
13.	Technical and regional co-operation			7 200 000	10.6
	Total	150 000 000		68 000 000	100.0

* The appropriation for 1992-1993 will be included in due course.

11. Approves an additional appropriation for Fund programme activities for the biennium 1992-1993 of $30 million on the understanding that this additional appropriatio will be used only as and when additional resources become available to the Environment Fund once the programme of $150 million has been initiated and after consultation with t Committee of Permanent Representatives;

12. Requests the Executive Director, in the event of a shortfall of the expected contributions below the level required to finance the agreed programme for 1992-1993 to [...]* in formulating his response to the shortfall, and to put his proposed response to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for review and approval;

13. Approves an appropriation of $5 million to the Fund programme reserve for the biennium 1992-1993;

14. Reconfirms the Executive Director's authority to adjust the apportionment for each budget line by 20 per cent, within the overall appropriation for Fund programme activities in 1992-1993;

15. Stresses again the need to maintain the liquidity of the Fund at all times;

16. Authorizes the Executive Director to enter into forward commitments not exceeding $20 million for Fund programme activities in 1994-1995;

17. Requests the Executive Director to draw up a programme for Fund activities in 1994-1995 with a core programme of $160 million and a supplementary programme of $40 million;

18. Requests the Executive Director to continue to keep the status of the Environment Fund under review and, in the event that he considers it necessary to adjust the 1994-1995 planning figures, to report thereon to the Committee of Permanent Representatives and, additionally, in the event that contributions to the Environment Fu continue to increase at a high rate, to consult with the Committee of Permanent Representatives with regard to drawing up an additional programme;

19. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its regular meetings on matters relating to programme implementation and planning, including expenditure and income profiles and planning assumptions at the programme activity level;

20. Requests the Executive Director to consider ways of ensuring a more stable and wider basis for voluntary contributions to the Environment Fund [including possible use c indicative comparisons with the United Nations scale of assessment] and to report thereon to the Governing Council at its next session.

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* A brief description or reference to the approach recommended by the Programme Committee will be inserted here.